Docket No. TRANSMITTAL LETTER (General - Patent Pending) 041A.0001.U1(US) In Re Application Of: Peter Wayte Serial No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit 1762 10/622,304 7/17/2003 Title: Method For Inspecting A Titanium-Based Component TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is: Response to Notice from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed March 10, 2004. in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. ☐ A check in the amount of is attached. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-1924 as described below. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. \boxtimes Charge any additional fee required. Christian Willis Bonnatt Dated: March 29, 2004 Signature Customer No. 29683 Christine Wilkes Beninati (Reg. No. 37,967) Harrington & Smith, LLP I certify that this document and fee is being deposited 4 Research Drive 3/29/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as Shelton, CT 06484-6212 first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the

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The following is an example of an acceptable property rights statement. Statements of this type are, of course, only suitable for situations in which NO Agency funds or other considerations were involved in the making or conception of the invention. While this example is in the form of a declaration, a sworn-document is equally acceptable? I (We) Peter Wayte United States of America citizens of 8632 South Cove Drive, Maineville, Ohio 45039 residing at _ declare: That I (we) made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application: Serial Number 10/622,304 filed in the United States of America on 7/17/2003 filled Method For Inspecting A Titanium_Based Component (Check and complete either I or II below) ☑ I. (For Inventors Employed by an Organization) That. That to the best of my)(our) knowledge and belief: (1) we) made and conceived this invention while employed by <u>General Electric Company</u>.That III. The invention was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under the terms of any the invention is related to the work (am) we are) employed contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or to perform and was made within the scope of (my) (our) for the benefit of the United States Atomic Energy employment duties; That the invention was made during Commission or its successors: Energy Research and working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, Development Administration or the Department of Enmaterials, funds, information and services of General Electric Company . Other relevant ergy. facts are -AND/OR-☑ IV.The invention was not made (conceived or first ac-That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief (and/or) tually reduced to practice) under nor is there any relationbased upon information provided by_____ ship of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. -OR-☐ II. (For Self-Employed Inventors) That I (we) made and conceived this invention on my (our) own time using only my (our) own facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services. Other relevant facts are _____ The undersigned inventor(s) declare further that all statements made herein of his or her (their) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statments and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent, issuing thereon. Inventor's Signature: _ Post Office Address: 8632 South Cove Drive, Maineville; Ohio 45039 25th March 2004. Inventor's Signature: Post Office Address: _

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The subject matter of this application appears to:

be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).

have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency (ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example must appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

If the invention disclosed in this application was developed under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement between the Agency indicated above and a person, small business or non-profit organization and rights to the invention have been determined by specific reference to 35 U.S.C. 202 in the contract, grant or cooperative agreement, then applicant need not submit the statement described above. Instead, applicant may file a verified statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration, 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth the information required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(6).

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that the statement must accurately represent the property rights situation of the claimed invention if and when the application is found allowable. Thus, if during prosecution before the examiner, the claimed invention is so altered or the property rights situation so changed as to impact the accuracy of a statement submitted earlier, a supplemental statement must be filed. Failure to submit such additional information where appropriate may be considered a false representation of material facts and render the patent owner vulnerable to loss of patent rights and other sanctions as set forth in the statutes. The PTO will not review allowed applications for this possibility. The responsibility for complying with the statutes rests with the applicants.

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